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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements*** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

Description, Pages

1-68 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

1-14 as originally filed

- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages
 - ☐ the claims, Nos.
 - ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs
 - ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*):
 - ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*):
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages
 - ☐ the claims, Nos.
 - ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs
 - ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*):
 - ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*):

* If item 4 applies, some or all of these sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

1. The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

- ☐ the entire international application,
☒ claims Nos. 10, 12-14 (all as to industrial applicability)

because:

- ☒ the said international application, or the said claims Nos. 10, 12-14 relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (specify):

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- ☐ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):
- ☐ the claims, or said claims Nos. are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.
- ☐ no international search report has been established for the said claims Nos.
- ☐ the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing does not comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions in that:
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| the written form | <input type="checkbox"/> has not been furnished |
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| the computer readable form | <input type="checkbox"/> has not been furnished |
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- ☐ the tables related to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing, if in computer readable form only, do not comply with the technical requirements provided for in Annex C-*bis* of the Administrative Instructions.
- ☐ See separate sheet for further details

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-14
	No: Claims	-
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	1-14
	No: Claims	-
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-9, 11
	No: Claims	-

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):

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Reference is made to the following document:

D1: WO 02/079143 A (PFIZER LIMITED) 10 October 2002 (2002-10-10)

Re Item III

Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

Claims 10 and partly 12-14 relate to subject-matter considered by this Authority to be covered by the provisions of Rule 67.1(iv) PCT. Consequently, no opinion will be formulated with respect to the industrial applicability of the subject-matter of these claims (Article 34(4)(a)(I) PCT).

Re Item V

Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

Novelty (Article 33(2) PCT)

The available prior art does not disclose compounds of formula (I) according to claim 1: the subject-matter of claims 1-14 is therefore novel.

Inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT)

D1, which is considered to represent the closest prior art, describes cyclopentyl glutaramides useful as NEP inhibitors, particularly for the treatment of sexual dysfunctions.

In the light of the teachings of D1, the problem underlying the present application can be seen in the provision of compounds with an improved NEP inhibiting activity, particularly with regard to NEP/SEP selectivity.

This problem is indeed solved by the compounds of the present application, as

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demonstrated by the filed biological data.

The solution to this problem proposed by the present application is not suggested by the teachings of the prior art, and is not an obvious measure to solve the given problem.

The subject-matter of claims 1-14 therefore involves an inventive step.

Industrial applicability (Article 33(4) PCT)

The compounds and process of claims 1-9 and 11 can be used in the pharmaceutical industry.

For the assessment of the present claims 10 and partly 12-14 on the question whether they are industrially applicable, no unified criteria exist in the PCT Contracting States.